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1. AS DRAFT 1976 PARA REVISION RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY
EMBASSY INDICATES, US/SENEGALESE BILATERAL DIALOGUE DURING
PAST YEAR HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY UNPRECEDENTED INTENSITY,
BROADENED SCOPE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE IS GROWING APPRECIATION
ON BOTH SIDES OF SUBSTANTIAL MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS ON
MAJOR ISSUES.

CONVERGENCE OF US AND GOS VIEWS ON DANGER
POSED TO AFRICA BY ANGOLA PRECEDENT HELPED PAVE WAY FOR
PRODUCTIVE AND FRANK EXCHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE
IN SUCCEEDING MONTHS DURING VISITS BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELI, GOVERNOR
SCRANTON AND OTHER US OFFICIALS.

2. GROWING SENEGALESE INCLINATION TO WORK FOR STRENGTHENING
OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH US SEEMS EVIDENT IN DISPARATE AREAS
SUCH AS: PENDING REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE,
OCTOBER 1 OPENING OF GOS TOURIST OFFICE IN US, RECENT
DECISION TO PHASE OUT REVERSE PREFERENCES BENEFITTING EC,
PLANNED 1977 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO US,
EXPANDING CULTURAL COOPERATION INCLUDING AMBITIOUS
ACTIVITIES OF LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR FOUNDATION, AND
EXTRAORDINARY VOLUME OF VISITORS TRAVELLING IN BOTH
DIRECTIONS.

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3. EMBASSY HAS SEEN MULTIPLE SIGNS IN RECENT DAYS OF

APPARENT SENEGALESE EFFORT TO RECONSIDER SERIOUSLY, AND ELIMINATE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BARRIERS TO SMOOTH BILATERAL COOPERATION. REVIEW OF MULTILATERAL ISSUES DURING GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT SUGGESTED BORAD AREA OF GENERAL AGREEMENT TARNISHED ONLY BY DIFFERENCES OVER KOREAN QUESTION, WHERE SENEGAL HAD BEEN LOCKED INTO ANTAGONISTIC POSITION DUE TO LONGSTANDING PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS TO DPRK AND TO INTERPLAY OF PERSONALITIES WITHING GOS WHICH SERVED TO AGGRAVATE DIFFERENCES IN US AND GOS APPROACH. HOWEVER, SENEGALESE HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR "DYNAMIC SOLUTION" OR "DYNAMIC COMPROMISE" ON THIS QUESTION AS WELL, AND MAY GO AT LEAST PART WAY TOWARD ACCOMMODATING US CONCERNS. IN MEANTIME, SENEGALESE HAVE RETAINED GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE STANCE TOWARD US DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND TAKEN LEADING ROLE ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES(SUCH AS ISRAELI EXPULSION QUESTION) IN WAYS WHICH ARE SUPPORTIVE OF US POSITION. EMBASSY THUS BELIEVES THAT SETING IS UNUSUALLY POSITIVE FOR PRODUCTIVE BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SENEGALESE FOREIGN MINISTER OF STATE ASSANE SECK DURING 31ST UNGA.

4. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, MEETING IS ALSO IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SECRETARY TO CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIP WITH INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO MAY BE SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE TO PRIVILEGED PERSONAL REATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT SENGHOR. FULL BRIEFING ON STATUS OF US SOUTHERN AFRICAN INITIATIVES WILL THUS SERVE DOUBLE PURPOSE OF INFORMING GOS AND DEFERRING TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNDERSTANDABLE PERSONAL SENSIBILITIES. SECRETARY MAY ALSO WISH TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS THREE RECENT LETTERS TO FONMINISTER SECK CONCERNING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

5. WE BELIVE THAT SECRETARY SHOULD EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR RELATIONS INCLUDING THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE. PROSPECTS FOR RAPIDLY MOUNTING US ASSISTANCE TO MULTI-DONOR SAHEL EFFORT, PARTICIPATION BY AMERICANS IN PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S OCTOBER 9 BIRTHDAY MANIFESTATIONS AND BY USG IN DECEMBER DAKAR INTERNATIONAL

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TRADE FAIR ALL CAN BE CITED AS HARBINER OF EVENCLOSER COOPERATION WE EXPECT IN FUTURE.

6 SUBSTANTIVE FOCI OF CONVERSATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE KOREAN QUESTION AND OUTSTANDING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT FOR CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS. SECRETARY SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON SENEGALESE SECURITY CONCERNS AND PREPARED TO COMMENT ON NATURE OF

US RESPONSE TO THIS SENEGALESE REQUEST.

7. ON KOREA, VOLUMINOUS EMBASSY REPORTING OVER PAST YEAR UNDERSCORES SUBTLETIES OF SENEGALESE POSITION WHICH TOLERATES CONTINUED DIPLOMATIC REALTIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, ACCEPTS US RIGHT TO MAINTAIN BILATERAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS WITH ROK AND RECOGNIZES DANGERS POSED BY DPRK BELLICOSITY, YET STILL MANAGED ACTIVELY TO CO-SOPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION AT 29TH AND 30TH UNGA. US APPROACH SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR INTENSIVE PROCESS OF RE-EVALUTATION OF KOREAN ISSUE WHICH GOS IS CURRENTLY MAKING IN RESPONSE TO US DEMARCHES, BUILD ON AREAS OF AGREEMENT NOTED ABOVE, REFER TO ARDENT SENEGALESE SUPPORT FTDR PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATIO, NON-INTERFERECNE AND DIALOUGUE, AND SEEK POSITIVE SENEGALIESE CONTRIBUTION TO ISSUE WITH VIEW TOWARD COMPROMISE OR "DYNAMIC SOLUTION" THEY PROFESS TO DESIRE.

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